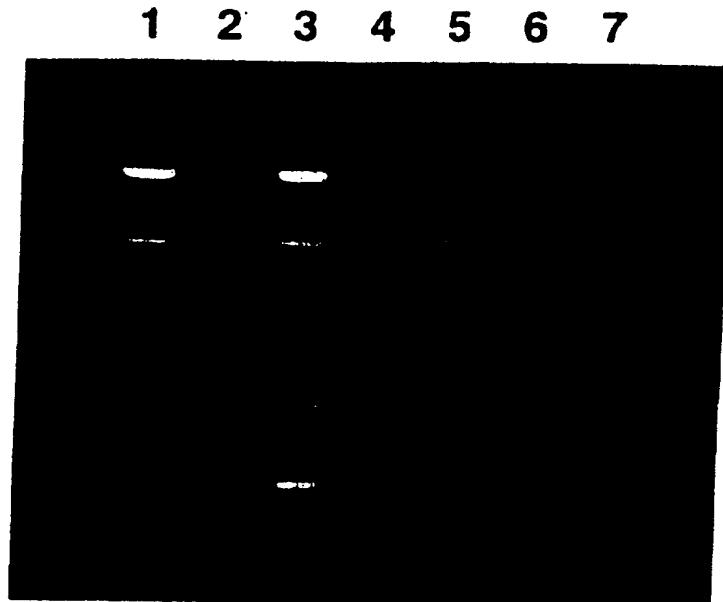


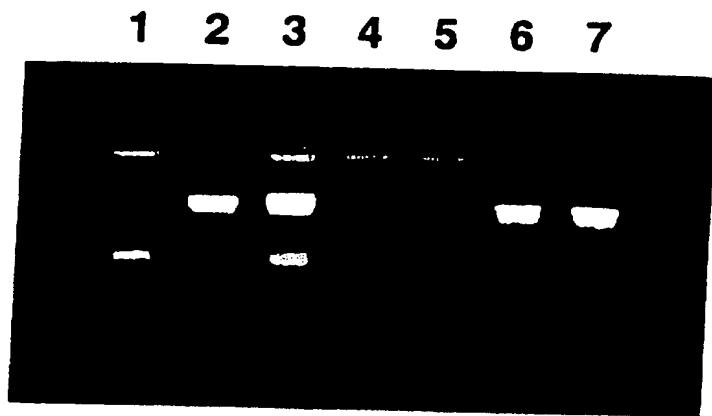
**Figure 1. Outline of protocol R.**

Recovery of ds-NA takes place from the initial pellet (R-pellet), recovery of ss-NA takes place from the initial supernatant (R-sup). L11, L10, L6 and L2 are GuSCN based-buffers. SC is silica particle suspension. For details see Materials & Methods section.



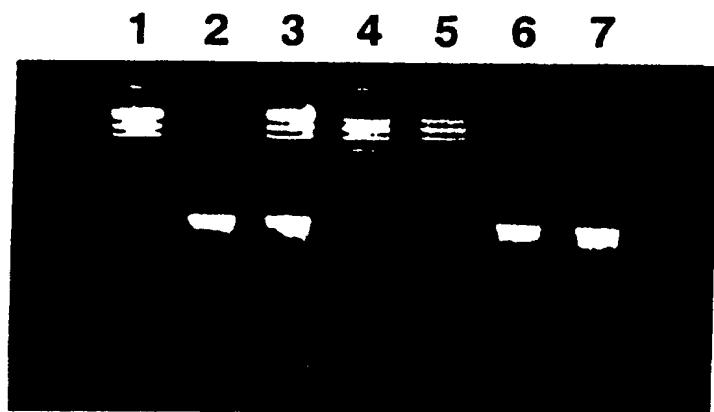
**Figure 2. Separation of ds-DNA and ss-DNA.**

NA was purified (in duplicate) by protocol R from a mixture of ds-DNA (phage lambda, HindIII digest, 1 $\mu$ g) and ss-DNA (phage M13 DNA, 500ng). Final elutions were in 50 $\mu$ l TE and 25 $\mu$ l were electrophoresed through a 1% agarose gel (containing ethidiumbromide) which was subsequently photographed under UV-illumination. Lane 1, 100% recovery marker for ds-DNA fragments; lane 2, 100% recovery marker ss-DNA; lane 3, 100% recovery marker mixture ds-DNA/ ss-DNA. Lanes 4 and 5, output protocol R-pellet; lanes 6 and 7, output protocol R-sup.



**Figure 3. Separation of ds-RNA and ss-RNA.**

NA was purified (in duplicate) by protocol R from a mixture of ds-RNA (Rotavirus ds-RNA) and ss-RNA (phage MS2 RNA, 800ng). Final elutions were in 50 $\mu$ l TE and 25 $\mu$ l were electrophoresed through a 1% agarose gel (containing ethidiumbromide) which was subsequently photographed under UV-illumination. Lane 1, 100% recovery marker for ds-RNA fragments; lane 2, 100% recovery marker ss-RNA; lane 3, 100% recovery marker ds-RNA/ss-RNA mixture. Lanes 4 and 5, output protocol R-pellet; lanes 6 and 7, output protocol R-sup.



**Figure 4. Separation of ds-DNA and ss-RNA.**

NA was purified (in duplicate) by protocol R from a mixture of ds-DNA (750 ng phage lambda digested with *hind*III) and ss-RNA (phage MS2 RNA, 800ng). Final elutions were in 50 $\mu$ l TE and 25 $\mu$ l were electrophoresed through a 1% agarose gel (containing ethidiumbromide) which was subsequently photographed under UV-illumination. Lane 1, 100% recovery marker for ds-DNA; lane 2, 100% recovery marker for ss-RNA; lane 3, 100% recovery marker for ds-DNA/ss-RNA mixture. Lanes 4 and 5, output protocol R-pellet; lanes 6 and 7, output protocol R-sup.

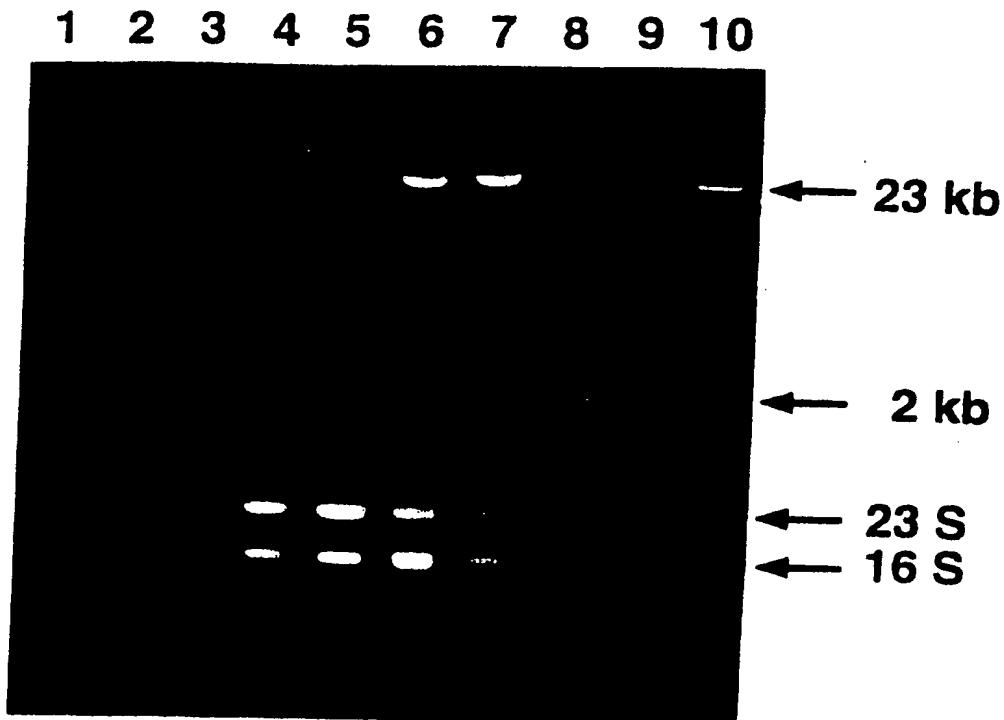


**Figure 5. Separation of ds-DNA and ssRNA.**

NA was purified by protocol R-sup from a mixture of ds-DNA (1000 ng linearized pHC624, 2kb) and ss-RNA (phage MS2 RNA, 800ng). Final elution was in 50 $\mu$ l TE, and 25 $\mu$ l or tenfold serial dilutions of the ss-NA fraction were electrophoresed through a 1% agarose gel (containing ethidiumbromide) which was subsequently photographed under UV-illumination.

**Panel A:** Upper row: lane 1, HindIII digested phage lambda DNA; lane 2, 100% recovery marker for ds-DNA and ss-RNA and serial tenfold dilutions thereof (lanes 3-6) . Bottom row, output of protocol R-sup (lane 2) and tenfold serial dilutions (lanes 3-6).

**Panel B:** Ds-DNA was subsequently transferred to a nitrocellulose filter and hybridized with a  $^{32}$ P-labelled probe homologous to input ds-DNA. ds-DNA and ss-RNA are indicated.



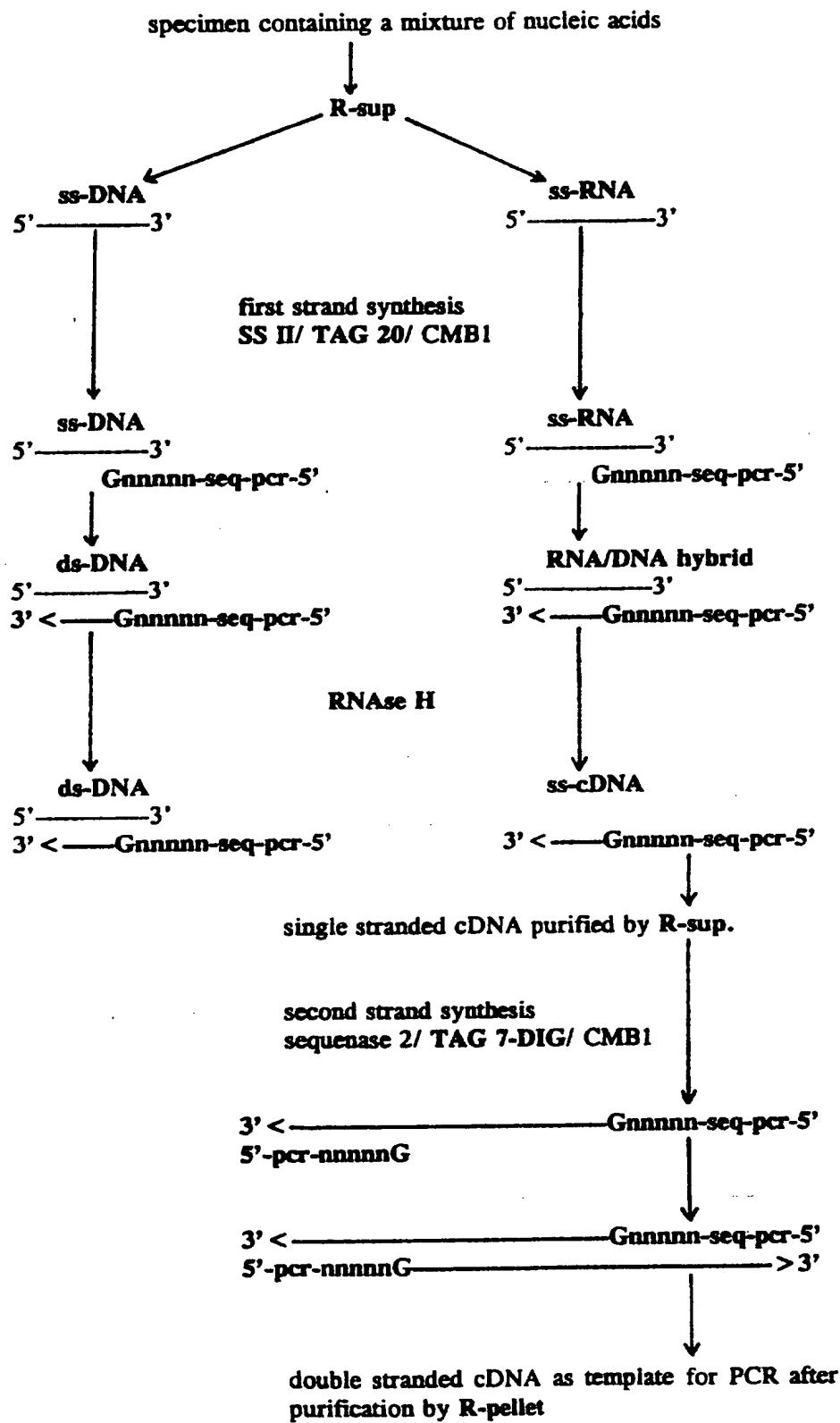
**Figure 6. Separation of genomic DNA from ss-RNA.**

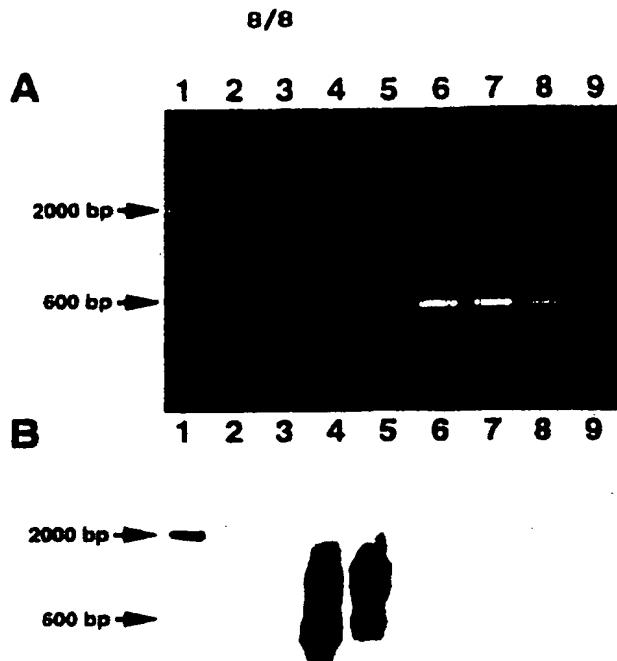
How to deal with trapping of ss-RNA. *E. coli* bacteria were directly used as inputmaterial for duplicate extractions by protocol R (lanes 6 and 7, R-pellet; lanes 8 and 9, R-sup). Alternatively, total NA was first purified by protocol Y using diatoms as NA-carrier (which causes shearing of genomic DNA). The purified nucleic acids were subsequently used as input for protocol R (lanes 2 and 3, R-pellet; lanes 4 and 5, R-sup). Final elutions were in 50 $\mu$ l TE and 25 $\mu$ l were electrophoresed through a 1% agarose gel (containing ethidiumbromide) which was subsequently photographed under UV-illumination.

Markerlanes 1 and 10 500 ng phage lambda DNA, HindIII digested).

23S and 16S rRNA, and ds-DNA molecular weight markers (23kb and 2.0 kb) are indicated.

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Figure 7 Outline of the procedure





**Figure 8**

Single-stranded nucleic acid was purified from samples containing HIV-1 RNA and TE (negative control) by protocol R-sup. and subsequently amplified with the non-selective RT-PCR.

Panel A: lane 1, 100 bp DNA ladder; lanes 2 and 3 negative extraction controls; lanes 4 and 5 non-selectively amplified HIV-1 RNA; lanes 6, 7, 8 and 9 600, 60, 6 and 0 molecules resp. of pHCreC ( positive PCR control).

Panel B: Southern blot hybridization with  $^{32}\text{P}$ -labelled HIV-1 probes (containing the GAG, POL and ENV genes of HIV-1) of the samples shown in panel A. After overnight hybridization at 65 °C in 6 x SSC, 0.1 % SDS, 10 % Dextran Sulphate and 50  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  salmon sperm DNA, the filter was subsequently washed under high stringency conditions with 0.1 SSC/0.1% SDS at 65 °C, and autoradiographed on X-ray film for two hrs. at -70 °C. This experiment showed that most of the bands visible on the ethidiumbromide stained agarose gel originated from the HIV-1 genome.